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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the cease-fire between the two countries.

1. On 2 January 1996, at 2000 hours, a number of Iraqi smugglers who crossed the border and infiltrated inside the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran were confronted with the Iranian border police near the geographic coordinates of QV 710-860 on the map of west Hoveizeh, 16 kilometres north-east of border pillar 14B. They left some of their contraband goods behind and fled into the territory of Iraq.

2. On 5 January 1995, at 1630 hours, Iranian border police engaged in a conflict with four anti-revolutionary elements at the geographic coordinates of ND 732-616 on the map of Ozgaleh, Bamboo Heights, north of border pillar 67/2 and south of border pillar 67/3 in no man's land. As a result, one of the anti-revolutionary elements was killed and the three others escaped across the border into the territory of Iraq under cover of night, leaving behind a Kalashnikov machine-gun and two magazines.

3. On 6 and 16 January 1996, four Iraqi motor boats with armed personnel clad in civilian outfits were observed patrolling Arvand Rud and around the Al-Omayeh and Al-Bakr oil rigs.

4. On 10 January 1995, at 1500 hours, five grenades were thrown towards the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by Iraqi forces near the geographic coordinates of ND 570-639 on the map of Sumar, in no man's land, west and east of border pillars 41 and 42.

5. On 14 January 1995, at 1340 hours, 10 Iraqi forces were observed conducting engineering activities by using a loader near Gangir river at the geographic coordinates of NC 557-394 on the map of Sumar, in no man's land, south of border pillars 41 and 42.

6. On 17 January 1996, Seyyed Hamd Al-e Nasser and Hamd Hazbavi, two Iranian border police, were arrested by the Iraqi security forces in the border area of Sousangerd.

7. On 22 January 1996, from 0800 to 1630 hours, Iraqi forces were observed conducting engineering activities by using three loaders and three road-rollers near the geographic coordinates of QV 540-450 on the map of west Jofair (2), north of border pillar 14/A3.

8. On 24 January 1996, at 0900 hours, an Iraqi helicopter was observed patrolling near the geographic coordinates of NC 677-167 on the map of Kani-Sheikh, north of Talkhab river in the Iraqi village of Makhir, south-west of border pillar 36.

9. On 31 January 1996, Iraqi forces carried out three explosions in the vicinity of the border inside their territory and then began firing with Dush-k automatic machine-guns towards the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran from near the geographic coordinates of QV 550-725 on the map of south Houralhoveizeh and south of border pillar 14B.

10. On 1 February 1996, throughout the day, 72 Iraqi motor boats and 3 ferries with a total of about 170 personnel were observed patrolling Arvand Rud.

11. On 3 February 1996, from 0700 to 0700 hours of the following day (4 February), 42 Iraqi motor boats and 3 ferries with a total of 110 personnel were observed patrolling Arvand Rud.

12. On 4 February 1996, from 0740 to 0750 hours, an Iraqi bulldozer and a loader were observed removing earth near the geographic coordinates of ND 430-040 on the map of Khosravi, in no man's land, south of border pillar 53/2.

13. On 4 February 1996, 77 Iraqi motor boats and 4 ferries with a total of 180 personnel were observed patrolling Arvand Rud.

14. On 5 February 1996, at 1420 hours, four Iraqi helicopters were observed patrolling inside Iraqi territory at the geographic coordinates of NC 368-998 on the map of Khosravi, south of Khaneghein, about 9 kilometres west of border pillars 51 and 52, and at the geographic coordinates of ND 356-032 on the map of Khosravi, about 8 kilometres west of border pillar 53/1. They returned to the territory of Iraq at 1500 hours on the same day.

15. On 5 February 1996, at 1420 hours, four Iraqi helicopters were observed patrolling inside Iraqi territory from the geographic coordinates of NC 346-665 on the map of Naftshahr towards the geographic coordinates of NC 382-686 on the map of Naftshahr. They returned into the territory of Iraq at 1500 hours on the same day.

16. On 5 February 1996, at 1520 hours, three Iraqi fighter helicopters were observed flying over Chaharbagh (Chewarbakh) Heights in Iraqi airspace, within a distance of 2 kilometres from the border, at the geographic coordinates of

NC 820-490 on the map of Seizdah, opposite the Islamic Republic of Iran's Cheghahman, west of border pillar 46/5.

17. On 5 February 1996, at 1720 hours, two Iraqi helicopters were observed patrolling inside Iraqi airspace, from the city of Mandali to near the geographic coordinates of NC 395-556 on the map of Sumar, near border pillar 41, in no man's land east of Iraq's Miantang valley and south of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Miantang sentry post.

18. On 5 February 1996, 18 Iraqi motor boats along with 6 Ferries with a total of 71 personnel were observed patrolling Arvand Rud.

19. On 6 February 1996, at 1630 hours, an Iraqi helicopter was observed flying near the geographic coordinates of TP 550-200 on the map of Faw, in no man's land, along the coast of Arvand Rud, opposite Abadan Island.

20. On 8 February 1996, at 2000 hours, three armed infiltrators who penetrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran were confronted by the Iranian border police in Bahram-Abad Custom, at the geographic coordinates of 38S NB 98300-63500 on the map of Mehran, north and south of border pillars 30 and 30/1, in no man's land. They began firing at the Iranian border police and fleeing into the territory of Iraq. Entering Iraqi territory at the geographic coordinates of 38S NB 96300-62800 on the map of Mehran, in no man's land, at border pillar 30, they fired again at the Iranian border police.

21. On 12 February 1996, from 0700 hours to 0700 hours on the following day, 61 Iraqi motor boats and 2 ferries with a total of 200 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

22. On 19 February 1996, 121 Iraqi motor boats with about 220 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

23. On 20 February 1996, 75 Iraqi motor boats and 5 ferries with approximately 240 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

24. On 25 February 1996, at 0930 hours, 11 Iraqi forces were observed digging a canal near the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 41000-01000 on the map of Khosravi, south of Sabazou, and north and south of border pillars 53 and 53/1.

25. On 26 February 1996, at 0700 hours, a number of Iraqi forces began constructing two observation posts on top of their sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 64100-23100 on the map of Kani-Sheikh, south-west of border pillar 39/1 and the Islamic Republic of Iran's Ghalalem sentry post, east of Iraq's Lajmeh village.

26. On 2 March 1996, at 1350 hours, an Iraqi Mini-Bus carried eight Iraqi forces from the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 62000-24000 on the map of Kani-Sheikh to the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 68000-24000 on the map of Kani-Sheikh, in no man's land south of the Ghalalem sentry post and border pillar 39/1.

27. On 4 March 1996, at 2020 hours, a number of Iraqi armed smugglers and rebels penetrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran and crossed the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 71500-90800 on the map of Saidieh, south of Jarayeh where they were confronted with the Iranian border police. Following a conflict, they fled into the territory of Iraq, leaving behind three Kalashnikov rifles (two with the serial numbers 5899 and 41998 and one without a serial number), seven empty magazines and a small rowing-boat.

28. On 5 March 1996, from 0930 to 1100 hours, an Iraqi loader was observed removing earth near the geographic coordinates of 38S NB 95000-64000 on the map of Mehran, west of border pillar 3/01.

29. On 6 March 1996, at 0900 hours, an Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed removing earth near the geographic coordinates at 38S NB 96000-66000 on the map of Mehran, in the vicinity of Kanjancham river, west of border pillar 31.

30. On 6 March 1996, at 1400 hours, an Iraqi helicopter violated Iranian airspace from south-west of the border in the region of Khorramshahr and returned, after a few minutes, to Iraqi airspace.

31. On 6 March 1996, at 2030 hours, a number of Iraqi forces began firing at the Iranian Customs sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S NB 97000-62000 on the map of south-west Mehran, south of border pillars 29/5 and 29/6, in no man's land. They finally stopped firing when they were fired at in return by the Iranian forces stationed at the sentry post.

32. On 7 March 1996, at 0730 hours, 10 Iraqi forces were carried by a green bus from near the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 50700-36400 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/4 and south of Kumasang mountain to the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 53900-40400 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 41-42 and the Islamic Republic of Iran's Miantang sentry post and north of Iraq's Miantang valley. There, they set up two tents and after one hour they removed the tents and left the area.

33. On 10 March 1996, at 0900 hours, a number of Iraqi armed forces clad in local civilian clothes were observed constructing a road by using a loader on Iraqi's Cheghar Heights opposite the Iranian Degaga sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 93300-82100 on the map of Nosoud, north of the Absiravan border river.

34. On 10 March 1996, at 1800 hours, an Iraqi oil-tanker which departed Basra for Faw cast anchor at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 51500-31500 on the map of Khosro-Abad opposite Nahr Khorram.

35. On 11 March 1996, at 1720 hours, the Iranian border police stationed at the Nahr Khayyin sentry post observed an Iraqi Toyota and two trucks travelling in the Dal [D] border area towards the sentry post opposite Nahr Khayyin. The vehicles stopped and seven persons (five civilians and two military personnel)

appeared on the embankment. After five minutes of observation of the Iranian territory, they returned to the territory of Iraq. At 1430 hours on the same day, the number of border police stationed opposite Nahr Khayyin was increased.

36. On 12 March 1996, at 1900 hours, an armed anti-revolutionary who had penetrated 16 kilometres into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran was apprehended by the Iranian border police near Zalkeh-Bahramabad village at the geographic coordinates of 38S PE 10600-18500 on the map of Ney, between north-east of border pillar 83/4 and south-west of border pillar 83/5. A Kalashnikov rifle and three magazines were seized.

37. On 16 March 1996, from 0700 hours until 0700 hours on the next day, an Iraqi armoured unit with a capacity of 43 tanks near the geographic coordinates of 38S QA 44000-41000 on the map of north Houralhoveizeh, west of border pillars 21/5 and 21/6 was observed manoeuvring and moving towards the oil installations at the geographic coordinates of 38S QA 38000-63000 on the map of Yebis, in no man's land, west and north-west of border pillars 22/13 and 22/14 opposite the Islamic Republic of Iran's Samideh sentry post.

38. On 16 March 1996, at 1510 hours, 10 Iraqi officers aboard 2 vehicles entered the military police post near the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 229000-04600 on the map of Khosravi, in no man's land, south of the Manzarieh sentry post and border pillar 53/2. They left the area after inspecting it.

39. On 21 March 1996, at 1600 hours, 22 Iraqi vehicles and trucks disembarked forces near the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 43400-97200 on the map of Khosravi. At 1910 hours on the same day, 10 of the vehicles left the area.

40. On 23 March 1996, at 0920 and 1150 hours, 170 Iraqi soldiers were carried by 2 Iraqi IFA and 5 Toyota vehicles to near the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 39500-98600 and 38S NC 40500-02600 on the map of Khosravi where they were observed restoring a bunker. At 1235 hours on the same day, they left the area in the direction of the military base situated at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 34000-96000 on the map of Khosravi.

41. On 24 March 1996, 31 Iraqi forces were observed moving from the Taregh sentry post to the geographic coordinates of 38S PB 20000-47000 on the map of Kouh-Tunnel, between south-west and south-east of border pillars 27/5 and 27/6.

42. On 25 March 1996, from 1120 to 1400 hours, two Iraqi tanks, two IFA vehicles and a number of Iraqi forces were observed conducting a manoeuvre near the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 35600-03200 on the map of Khosravi, in the vicinity of Khaneghein silo.

43. On 30 March 1996, at 0945 hours, 35 Iraqi pick-ups and patrol vehicles, 3 of which carried Dush-k machine-guns, were observed travelling near the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 62300-24800 on the map of Ghasr-Shirin, in no man's land, north of Ghoureh-tou river and Majid-Ghadiragha village.

44. On 31 March 1996, at 1640 hours, 50 Iraqi soldiers moved from height 254 near the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 38300-98900 on the map of Khosravi. They were stationed in three tents which had been set up in advance.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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